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In re Application of:

ARCELLA et al.

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For: MEMBRANES OF PER(FLUORINATED AMORPHOUS POLYMERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 2001

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I, recited in claims 1-7 and 16, drawn to porous membranes of (per)fluorinated amorphous polymers. For claim 3, Applicants elect with traverse the monomer of formula (II) where $Y_1 = Y_2 = F$, and the comonomer of formula (I) where $X_1 = X_2 = F$ and $Z = OCF_3$.

Applicants urge that these elections are complete and proper.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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